From: Simmons, Denise
To: Terry Nichols
Subject: Re: Please vote today to support the BDS resolution
Date: Monday, April 23, 2018 8:27:55 PM

Dear Mr. Nichols,

Thank you for your thoughtful email. I must confess that this particular issue is not my area of expertise - I would not presume to know all the intricacies of Israeli politics and the daily goings-on there, nor am I sufficiently well-versed on the BDS movement. I am currently in the process of reading up on this from a variety of different sources, and this process will continue up until such time as this comes before the City Council.

I must also confess that I have yet to see a draft of the proposed resolution, if such a draft exists. I understand that the Mass Against HP group was originally hoping to get this placed on tonight's City Council agenda, but that did not end up happening and it is not before the City Council for consideration. It remains to be seen whether this will be placed on a future agenda, but as I said, I shall continue to research this matter.

I have met with people who have advocated for the HP boycott, I have met with those who are opposed to it, and I am in the process of reaching out to our congressional representatives to seek their opinions on this matter. As with any business before the Council, I am committed to keeping an open mind and learning as much as I can before I determine how I will vote. If this does ultimately come before the City Council, I will look forward to a robust discussion amongst my colleagues and I will do all that I can to ensure that people from all sides of this issue feel they have been given an opportunity to weigh in and be heard. Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts on this important matter.

E. Denise Simmons

From: Terry Nichols <charles.a.nichols@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Simmons, Denise
Subject: Please vote today to support the BDS resolution

Ms. Simmons,

I was not aware of this resolution until I received a flyer from an organization opposed to it. However, that flyer leads me to urge you to support it.

BDS is not anti-Jewish; it is targeted against Israeli policy toward the Palestinian people living in the West Bank and Gaza. Israel has been in violation of UN resolutions for many years in its occupation of this territory. Its government has grown steadily more hostile to Palestinian rights and closer to creating an apartheid state in the land that it illegally occupies. BDS is

focused only on that occupation, not on the internationally recognized right of the state of Israel to exist within its original boundaries.

The Cambridge City Council has often passed resolutions on international affairs. I urge you to take a stand on the side of justice here and support the BDS resolution today.

Sincerely yours,

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